



KENTUCKY STATE BOARD of PHYSICAL THERAPY

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EXAMINATION CANDIDATE INSTRUCTIONS PHYSICAL THERAPISTS EDUCATED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

To qualify as a candidate for physical therapist licensure in Kentucky when educated outside the USA, a person must meet the following requirements as per KRS 327.060 and 201 KAR 22:070:

- 1) **EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIAL EVALUATION:** Arrange to have an **original** educational credential evaluation sent to this board directly from one of the following approved credentials evaluation agencies:

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| a. Foreign Credentialing Commission of PT, Inc. (FCCPT) | (703)684-8406 |
| b. International Credentialing Associates, Inc. (ICA) | (727)549-8555 |
| c. International Education Research Foundation Inc (IERF) | (310)258-9451 |
| d. International Consultants of Delaware Inc (ICD) | (215)349-6023 |

This report will provide the board with information required concerning your level of education. If you have already received an evaluation from one of these agencies, direct them to provide an "original copy" bearing their seal.

KRS 327.060 states the credentialing agent will show:

1. Written proof that the physical therapy education is recognized by its own ministry of education;
2. Proof of authorization to practice as a physical therapist in the country of education;
3. Whether the education is substantially equivalent to requirements for physical therapists in a CAPTE accredited program.

- 2) **ENGLISH PROFICIENCY:** If English is not your **native language**, you are to have the results of the TOEFL iBT examination or the Test of Spoken English (TSE) sent to the board directly by the examining company. Kentucky **TSE CODE NUMBER IS 9917.** Minimum TSE score required is **50**. Minimum TOEFL iBT scores are: writing, 24; speaking, 26; reading, 18; listening, 21; with an overall score of not less than 89.

WE SUGGEST THAT YOU NOT SEND IN YOUR APPLICATION AND FEE UNTIL WE HAVE RECEIVED ITEMS 1) AND 2), AND HAVE NOTIFIED YOU THAT YOU HAVE MET THE BOARD'S BASIC REQUIREMENTS. MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE YOUR ADDRESS TO CORRESPOND WITH YOU. ONCE ADVISED THAT YOUR CREDENTIALS ARE ACCEPTABLE:

3) APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE Return the completed application form, signed before a notary public. Include the picture that is to be at least 1" x 2", and no greater than 2" x 3". All application information must be submitted completely, including your full name (no abbreviations, initials). You are to personally sign and be responsible for the accuracy of all application materials. Each applicant is to furnish his or her own residence address on the application form but may request in a separate letter that correspondence be sent to you through another address.

4) APPLICATION FEE + EXAMINATION FEE + PROMETRIC CENTER FEE:

- a) **Kentucky Application Fee of \$170** in the form of a cashier's check, certified check or money order made payable to the "KY State Board of Physical Therapy," and send with your application for credentialing to the Kentucky Board office.
- b) **FSBPT Examination Fee of \$350** may be paid by credit card through online registration at <https://www.fsbpt.net/pt>. Instructions regarding payment of the examination fee of \$350 will be given at that

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time. After Kentucky's online approval, the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, (FSBPT) will send out your Authorization to Test letter with instructions concerning selection of a test site and date.

- c) **Prometric Center test site fee, \$65 for PT applicants**, will be paid at the time your examination is scheduled. Online approval will be given by Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy after all items above have been accepted and you will receive the Authorization to Test letter with instructions. At that time, make your appointment online at <http://www.prometric.com> and pay your fee.

5) HIV/AIDS EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: Kentucky law requires each applicant to complete an *approved four hour course* on the transmission, control, treatment, and prevention of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). Please read the enclosed information on the approved HIV/AIDS courses. Upon completion of a course, a certificate will be issued to you by the provider. A copy of the certificate is to be submitted to the board office.

6) SUPERVISED PRACTICE REQUIREMENT Our statute/law requires a person educated outside the United States to be determined to be clinically competent following a minimum of three months supervised practice as a condition of licensure. NOTE: Clinical competency must have been achieved within six months. That practice must take place in a facility that is actively involved in the clinical education of physical therapist students from a CAPTE accredited program, and under the supervision of a physical therapist who has been a clinical education supervisor within the previous three years. Please note the requirements as stated on the enclosed "Supervisory Agreement Statement" which must be completed by both parties and sent to the board as one condition of being issued a temporary permit to practice.

7) INS LETTER When you have met all application requirements to practice except proof of practice, the board will issue a letter to you or your designee which will document your pending temporary permit status to assist in your immigration. The permit will be issued in conjunction with your arrival and submission of a copy of your legal authorization to reside and work in Kentucky.

8) LEGAL AUTHORIZATION TO WORK: Before a temporary permit or license can be issued, the board must receive a copy of your legal authorization to reside and seek employment in the US; i.e., VISA or Green Card.

The following *Canadian PT Schools* are CAPTE accredited through 2002. Therefore, graduates of these programs in an appropriate year do not require an educational credentials evaluation, proof your school is recognized by your Ministry of Education or a Clinical Competency assessment. All other requirements must be met. Call or write the Board to be sent the proper exam applicant instructions and "Supervisory Agreement Statement."

<u>PT SCHOOL</u>	<u>YR. 1ST ACCREDITED</u>	<u>PT SCHOOL</u>	<u>YR. 1ST ACCREDITED</u>
Dalhousie University	1998	University of Western Ontario	1997
McGill University	1984	University of Manitoba	1995
McMaster University	1998	University of Saskatchewan	1996
Queen's University	1997	University of Ottawa	1999
Universite de Montreal	1996	Universite Laval	1998
University of Alberta	1996	University of British Columbia	1997
University of Toronto	1998		

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